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BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE ROBERT WILKINS WHO DIED 27th FEBRUARY, 1836.

Died at the Carryingplace on the Morning of the 27th of February, 1836, Robert Wilkins Esq., in the 94th year of his age. He was born in 1743 in Ashbe-de-La-Zouch, Leicestershire, England. He entered the Army at the early age of 17 in the 17th Light Dragoons then commanded by the late Colonel Hale.

He went with his regiment to Scotland, thence to Ireland where he was actively engaged for 14 years - Thence he sailed for the North American Colonies, then raising the standard of revolt - landed at Boston with the same distinguished regiment, and a few days after bore a part in the Battle of Bunkers Hill, on which occasion he had two horses shot under him.

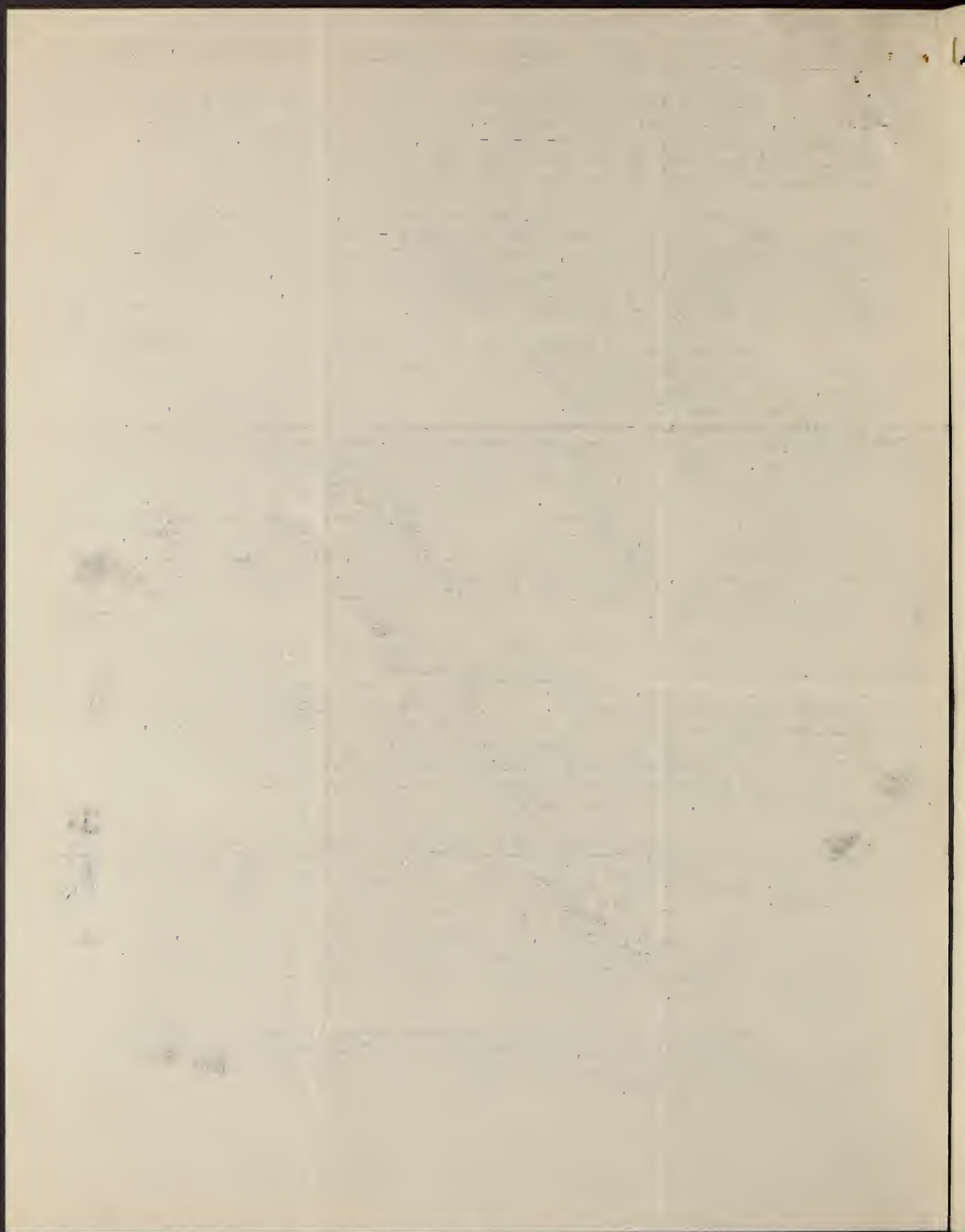
He was present at most of the engagements in the Northern Colonies; at the Battle of White Plains was one of the furlorn hope, where he received a severe contusion on the breast and lost the thumb of his right hand. After recovering from his wounds, he left the Army and entered into business in the City of New York. He carried on a prosperous business in that city until the peace took place. When that city was evacuated by the British Troops in 1783 he was too strongly attached to his king and the British Constitution to remain behind. He accompanied them to Shelburne, Nova Scotia. In the improvement of that luckless place he expended a large sum of money, but finding that the place would not succeed, he left it and returned to Old England in 1789, from which place, three years after, he was induced to follow Gov. Simcoe to this colony, just after it had received its constitution and became a distinct government.

From that time he remained in Upper Canada and most of the time at this place. The duties resulting from the various relations of husband, parent, neighbor and friend were all performed in the most exemplary manner. No one ever more devotedly loved and respected his wife than did the subject of this brief Memoir; her virtues and her gentleness of disposition were the constant theme of his discourse during the ten tedious years of his bereavement and his unceasing desire was that he might soon be reunited to her.

He retained to the very last his enthusiastic loyalty; this was notorious to all who visited him. Of the doctrine and the duty, he had a much deeper sense than was obvious to occasional visitors.

While he kept house, his hospitality was proverbial, and never was the poor or needy refused food or shelter under his roof. These are virtues of a high order and will follow him into another and happier world.

As a proof of the estimation in which he was held by those to whom he was best known, his remains were followed to the church and thence to the burying ground by not less than 300 of his friends and neighbors.



Account of Sundry Advances made by Robt. Wilkins to Capt. Wogan referred to in the Annexed Memorial, New York June 7th, 1781; cash advanced beeing Enlisting Money to the following Recrutes for Captn. Wogans Company American Legion

Cash -----£95: 4: 0d.

Serg't. Nuttle
" Smith
" Atkins
David Coleman
Bayley Burret
Samuell Smith
Larance Varness
Croswell Crocker
Mathew Cayland
John Murry
John Cole
Patrick Rowland
Robt. Ferguson
Pat'k. Murphy
John Jones

Cash advanced Sundry Necessarys for the
above 15 men.....£131: 0: 6d.

£226: 4: 6d.

Sept. 30th- Cash advanced beeing Enlisting Money
for the following Recrutes for Mr. Keating of Do. Viz.-

£ 10: 2: 2d.

Patrick King
James Murphy
John Willson
Frederick Frisk
Robt. Chapman
William McCall
John Grant

Cash advanced for Sundry Necessarys for
the above 7 men.....£ 46:17: 5d.

£ 56:19: 7d.

New York, October 20th, 1781 - Cash advanced,
beeing Enlisting Money for the following Recrutes & Necessarys
to compleat them viz.
For Mr. O. Dea

Robt. Perkins
James Richardson
John Hughes
John Costell
John Bryson

5 men.....£ 17: 6: 6d.

TOTAL 27 RECRUTES.....£300:10: 7d.



Mr. Wilkins begs leave to observe that the above gentlemen had Recruteing warrants to enlist men to make up for thare compliments for thare diferant commishons - that Captn. Wogan, just as his Company was complete was killed in New London on the Expedition under Genl. Arnold; Mr. Keating had to leave the Regiment for bad behaviour, and Mr. O. Dea left it in disgust. These curcumstances were the causes that thay did not receave thare Respective Commishons, the whant of which prevented Mr. Robt. Wilkins to recover his advances from them, tho the already enumeareted men where kept on the strength of the said regiment doeing duty therein.

ROBT. WILKINS

This day personally appeared before me one of His Majestys Justices of the Peace for the town and district of Shelburn, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Robt. Wilkins late of his Majestys 17th Regiment of light Dragoons and made oath that the 27 men mentioned above and on the other side were procured to his Majestys Late American Legion, by the advances he made to the Warrant Officers mentioned above and on the other side, amounting to three hundred pounds, ten shillings and seaven pence New York Currency, and that the said men passed inspection and were put upon the strength of that corps and did duty therein and that he, the said Robt. Wilkins or aney person or persons for him did not receave aney part or parts of his advances for raiseing the said men.

ROBT. WILKINS

Sworn before me in Shelburn
this 14th of April 1787 -
Alex Leckie, - Justice of the Peace.

This day personally appeared before me one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the city of St. Johns in the province of New Brunswicks = Nathan Frink Esq., Captn. and Paymaster of his Majestys late American Legion and made oath that the twenty seven men mentioned in the two proceeding pages, were enlisted in that corps, and that thay was procured in consequence of Mr. Robt. Wilkins, late of his Majestys 17th Light Dragoons his advances of three hundred pounds, ten shillings and seaven pence New York Currency to the Warrant Officers he mentions, who did receave thare commishons for the reason he allso mentions, and that he has no reason or reasons to doubt that Mr. Robt. Wilkins account as stated on the two proceeding pages is just and true, the greater part of the business haveing came within his knowledge, and the men haveing passed inspection and done duty in that corps, Mr. Wilkins ought to receave his advances

ALEX. LECKIE

Sworn to by the baove in the presence
of Nathan Frink this twenty seventh
day of April 1787.

EXACT COPY

RETURN of Men, Women, Children and Servants in Captain Robert Wilkins Company
of Loyalists, On Board of the Ship Apollo, John Adamson Master, for Port Rosoway.

New York, 8th June 1783.

Suscribers Names	Men	Women	Children Over 10 Under 10	Servants	Total	Occupations	Former Place of Residence	By Whom Recommended	Remarks
Robt. Wilkins Captn.	1	1	2	4	9	Merchant	Army	Genl. Burch	
Henry Hodgkinson Li.	1	1		1	3	Hair Dresser	"	Capt. Hartly	
Thomas Smart Li.	1	1		1	3	Armourer	"	Capt. Wilkins	
James Holden Serjt.	1	1		1	3	Couper	"	"	
Wm. Forster Serjt.	1	1		1	3	Weaver	"	"	
John Adams	1	1		1	3	Navia Pilet	N. Carolina	Mr. Rose	
John Atkins	1	1		1	3	Sawer	England	Mr. Smart	
William Branstons	1	1		1	3	Marriner	New York	Mr. Joone	
William Caldwell	1	1		1	3	Carpenter	Ireland	David Porter	
John Cheese	1	1		1	3	Navia Pilet	New York	Mr. Varner	
Robert Dadds	1	1		2	4	Marriner	"	Mr. Lenex	Went in his own Vysell
Renald McDonald	1	1	1	2	5	"	"	David Sprout	Went in his own Vysell
William Dove	1	1	1	2	5	"	"	Benj. Love	
James Dolakid	1	1		1	3	Labrour	Army	Robt. Wilkins	Servant indep. from 17th Dr
John Groody	1	1		1	3	Marriner	New York	Mr. Ellis	
Alex. Gordan	1	1		1	3	Labrour	N. Brittan	Capt. Wilkins	
Edward Green	1	1	1	4	6	Cord Winer	Road Island	John Smith	
John McIntire	1	1	1	7	9	Merchant	New York	Mr. Ross	Went in his own Vysell
Renald McIntire	1	1	1	1	4	Carpenter	N. Brittan	Jolney Capt.	
Alex. McKay	1	1	1	2	5	Marriner	New York	Mr. Johnston	Went in his own Vysell
George McKay	1	1	1	2	5	Labrour	"	Mr. Johnston	"
Duncan McKenion	1	1		1	3	"	N. Brittan	Wm. Johnston	"
James Love	1	1		1	3	House Carpenter	Road Island	Mr. Johnston	"
Benj. Love	1	1		1	3	"	"	Mr. Johnston	"

NEW YORK, 8th JUNE 1763.

Land Books

A.

10 June 1794

Robert Wilkins. Prays for a grant of land in the rear of the seminary land at New Johnstown, Edwardsburgh, of about 500. Acres. The Council admit of the quantity, but ordered that the Land Board be referred to for a report upon the same.

8 July 1794

Robert Wilkins (Kingston). Petitioner prays for a grant of land on the back of the seminary land of New Johnstown of about 500 acres more or less. The Council admit the quantity and to be referred to the Land Board to report.

3 July 1795

Robert Wilkins, a loyalist: Stating that he had served in the 17th Light Dragoons and was badly wounded, that he afterwards had a command of a company of loyalists and praying for such portion of land as officers of his situation are entitled to. Inadmissible, the petitioner having already received five hundred acres.

3 August, 1795.

Robert Wilkins: Petition praying for 200 acres of land, lots Nos. 11 and 12 on the south side of the Carrying Place in the Bay of Quinté. Ordered one lot to be granted on the usual conditions, and referred to the Surveyor General for location.

8 Oct., 1796

Robert Wilkins (read a petition of 7 July). Stating that he has purchased half a town lot in Kingston from Lieut. O'Neil and praying for a grant of the water in front of said lot. Referred to the Deputy Surveyor of the district to report thereon.

Anne Wilkins. Recommended for 200 acres on her marriage.

16 May 1797

Mary Anne and Sarah Wilkins. Praying for lands as loyalists. Ordered 200 acres to Sarah Wilkins, daughter of Robert Wilkins, on the day of her marriage. Anne Wilkins having had the same grant by a former Order of Council, it need not now be repeated. Wives, except in very particular cases, are not given lands in the life time of their husbands.



17 Nov. 1797

Robert Wilkins. Praying for lands for his three children, Ann, Sarah and Robert Charles Wilkins. Petitioner is recommended for family lands to the extent set forth in Mr. Motz's certificate. And Ann the married daughter recommended for 600 acres as the child of a captain, including former grants to her. The other children are not yet of age.

Robert Wilkins. Praying for military lands as a captain. Evidence being produced which satisfied the board that petitioner had a commission of Captain of Associated Loyalists during the late war, recommended for 3000 acres (inclusive) as a captain.

Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte.

The Robert Young Family.

Among the many distinguished men who were entertained in the house was General Scott, the American prisoner of war, who, when on his way to Kingston, stayed two days with Colonel R. C. Wilkins, for whose kindness he afterwards thanked him in a personal letter. (Col. born 1782, was 30 in 1812)

R. C. Wilkins witnessed marriage of James Young & Catherine Weller on 22 March, 1804.

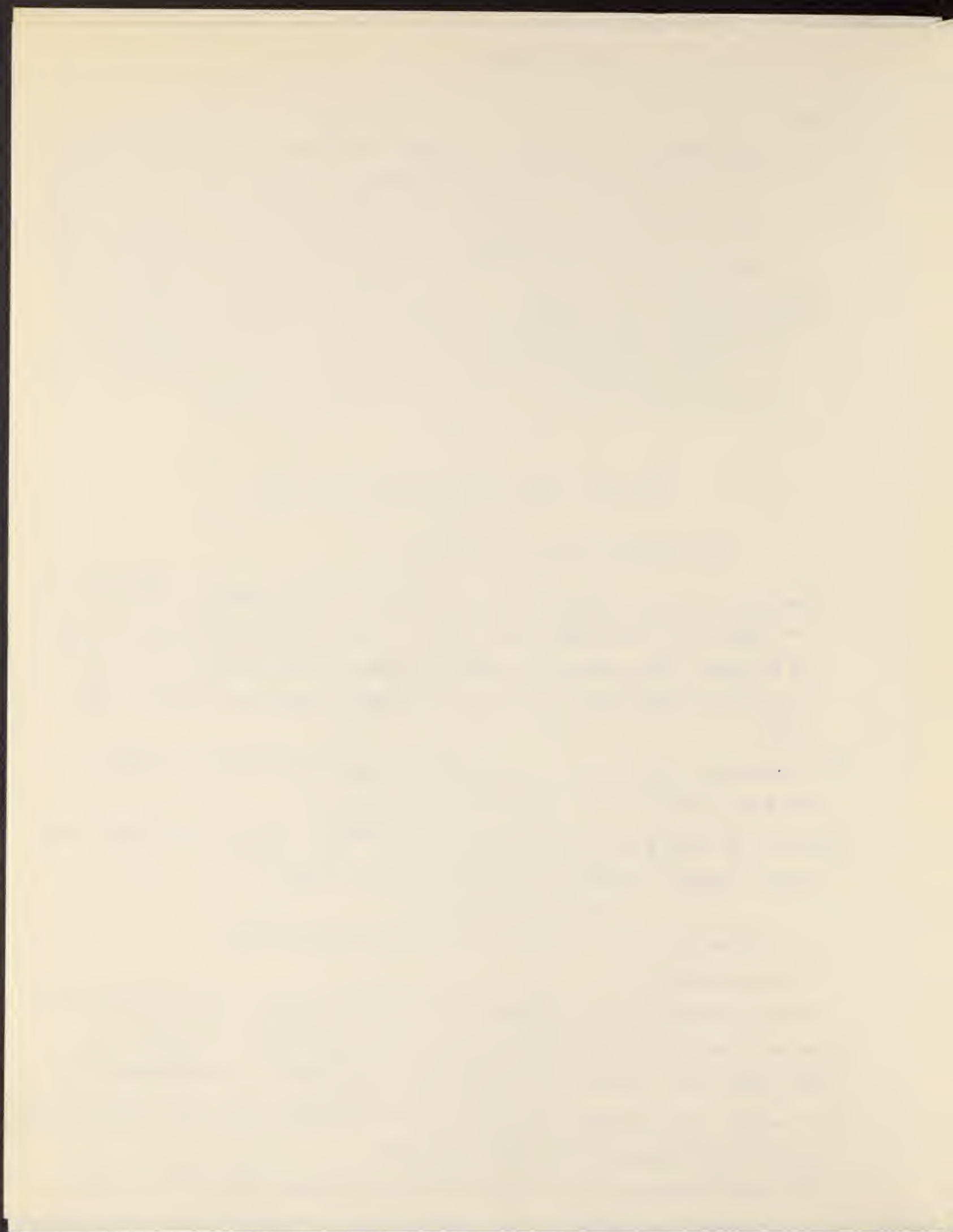
Sarah A. Young (James & Catherine Weller; Robert Young) born about 1809, married John S. Wilkins, son of the Hon. R. C. Wilkins.

Atlas of 1878 - Prince Edward - Hastings

Ameliasburgh

Robert Wilkins, a captain in the Royal service during the Revolutionary War, came from Shelburne, N. S., whither he had emigrated after the British abandoned New York, and settled here. He was for many years one of the most enterprising and influential men in the Bay of Quinte district.

This gentleman's son, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Robert Charles



Wilkins, who died there in March, 1866, was for more than half a century one of our leading men in commercial, political, and military affairs, being intimately identified with the history of all matters bearing upon the well-being of the inhabitants of the country at large, and particularly of the Bay of Quinte region, throughout which his name has been a familiar household word for the past two generations.

Patrons' Directory of Ameliasburg

Wilkins, E. D. S., Murray, conc. 1, lots 11, 13, farmer, born in Canada and settled in 1805



Sons & Daughters of U.E.

WILKINS, Robert

da. Ann, mar. Moses Carnahan of Adolphustown

O.C. 1 July 1796

" Sarah,

" 16 May 1797

son Robert Charles

CARNAHAN, Joseph of Adolphustown

son Moses, of Adolphustown, mar. Ann, dau. of Robert
Wilkins

O.C. 8 Oct 1796 & 8 June 1798

SMITH, Elias, of Hope, mar. Catharine ———. 10 children.

da. Mary, mar. Robert C. Wilkins, of Ameliasburg

O.C. 22 Feb 1808

U.E. List, Midland District

Additions made to the List of U. E. Loyalists at the General Quarter
Sessions of the Peace for the Midland District Held at Kingston
the 10th day of October Instant and continued by adjournment
to the 20th day of the same month (1796)

Sgt. Robert Wilkins discharged from the Dragoons



Wilkins

WILKINS.— Col. Charles Wilkins, although not one of the old U.E. Loyalists, yet having come to Canada at an early date, and taken an active part in matters pertaining to the welfare of the country, respecting military matters, and especially in the history of the Bay, this work would not be complete without a special notice of this very worthy gentleman. The writer had the privilege of visiting him at his home, the Carrying Place, in the summer of 1866, and procured many valuable facts, which were imparted with a kindly courtesy. The winters of 83 years had left their impress upon the tall and once erect figure. But notwithstanding the wear and tear of life, with many cares, and the intractable disease which steadily advanced, his face beamed with a pleasant smile, while he recounted many events with which he had had to do. While relating matters of a general nature, he was most unwilling to speak of his own services, and the diffidence and humbleness of manner, with which he referred to himself was remarkable. We have made reference to Col. Wilkins elsewhere, and will here allude to some events in his life.

He came to Canada with his father in 1792, aged 10 years. At an early period he took up his abode at the Carrying Place and engaged in business; was married in 1804 to Miss Mary, daughter of Charles Smith, of Port Hope, who died in 1847. Elsewhere has been mentioned the part he took in the war of 1812, for which he received an official recognition. Mr. Wilkins had for several days, the late General Scott of the American army, when a prisoner in Canada. Mr. Wilkins' kindness to him was remembered in later years. In the trouble of 1836-8, the Government called upon Mr. W. to take command of the militia. He was appointed to many posts of honor and duty, and in 1840 was called to the Legislative Council. Mr. Wilkins was always exceedingly popular, not because he sought popularity, but because of his naturally kind and gentlemanly deportment to all classes, and his many sterling qualities. The very high estimation in which he was held was fully evidenced on the occasion of his death in 1867, when old friends came long distances in unpleasant weather, to see his remains deposited in their last earthly resting place.



Census of 1861
Portland Township.

Wilkins

Thomas Wilkins
Margaret "
Joseph "
Jane "
Mary "

b. Ireland
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b. Can
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SDAY, AUGUST 7, 1952



Wilkins Clan Holds Reunion At Verona

The little things we fall in love with are often extremely trivial. Men fall in love with old hats; women with old purses. Both men and women develop an abiding affection that mounts up to a passion for certain old shoes. Our love for husband or wife may have its ups and downs, its cool spells, its stretches of mutual ennui. Friends blow hot and cold. We see a lot of them, and we pass them up for weeks or months. For a time, we are infatuated with movies, or reading or bridge. But we tire. We have spells of being very aware of our dogs. But dogs can be very boring, after while.

Each of us, however, has something very insignificant and very dear, in relation to which our feelings never suffer any shift or change. It may be an old alarm clock, or a belt or a penknife. It may be a coat hanger or a jar on the dresser; a cigaret lighter or a whisk we have had for twenty years. In my case, it is a nail file I lost for ten years and missed every day of its loss. I never forgot it. It was no ordinary nail file. It was made of heavier steel than the ones you buy. And its point had a very slight inward curve to it. Probably it was a familiar style of nail file forty years ago. I got it when a student, and it became a part of my familiar and intimate possessions. When I married, I took it away from my home to my new menage. It went to the

VERONA — On Monday, Aug. 4, at Verona's Community Centre, the Wilkins family, some 70 strong, gathered from far and near for a reunion.

After an earlier life of sailing, Thomas Wilkin came to Kingston in 1839 from Ireland and shortly afterwards settled on a farm on the 13th concession of north Portland Township along what is now the Snider Road. It was the descendants of his son and six daughters who made up the visiting group. An "s" was added to the name 60 years ago.

Dr. Warren Wilkins, of Cobourg, who gave the early family history after the basket lunch, reported that Thomas was a son of Billy Wilkin, a lace manufacturer in Armagh County of north Ireland near Belfast.

The only child of Thomas remaining today is a daughter, Mary, of Dresden, who is in her 95th year. She was unable to attend.

Robert Scouten, 9 months, son of Kellar Scouten, of Kingston, represented the sixth generation of Wilkins blood in Canada.

Most of the returning members of the clan were descendants of Thomas' only son Joseph who for many years before his death was a respected businessman of Verona. Of his eleven children, nine reached maturity and six of the seven yet living were able to be

I go about with the feeling millionaires must know when they

ALWAYS STRAWBERRIES

The bulk of the American strawberry crop is harvested in April, May and June, but strawberry-picking goes on in one part of the United States or another every month of the year.

present, only Maimie, a New York nurse, was not there.

Among the letters from relatives who sent greetings was one from Mrs. Fredrick Scovel, who told of serving nearly 20 years in China with her Presbyterian medical missionary husband. With their five children they spent a period in a Japanese internment camp and escaped Red China only last year.

The following U.S. centres were represented: New York City, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Carthage, Edwards and Rochester, all in New York State, and Tilton, New Hampshire. In Ontario they came from Windsor, South Porcupine, Cobourg, Marmora, Newburgh, Kingston, Wilton, Parham, Cole Lake and Enterprise.

Harry Sutton of Newburgh moved the vote of thanks to Mrs. Verdun Walker (nee Dorothy Wilkins) of Verona, who sponsored the reunion. She is the only Wilkins at Verona now.

The Whig-Standard gives complete local news coverage.

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of Women's Activities in

Weddings of Interest



CHINCHILLA CAPE—Here's how the little grey rodent looks when made into an evening wrap. This fischu-bolero is in natural grey chinchilla draped into a wide V-back.

Government Study Becomes Hobby Of Winnipeg Woman

WINNIPEG (CP)—A Winnipeg housewife is spending her spare time learning more about government and the men who determine the Canadian way of life.

Mrs. Charles Ives, a mother of

O'CONNOR—RAYCRAFT

Grace United Church, Napanee, decorated with standards of glad-ioli and fern, was the setting on July 30 for the wedding of Miss Hazel Marguerite Raycraft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Raycraft, Morven, to Mr. Howard John O'Connor, son of the late Mrs. Katherine O'Connor of Napanee. Rev. C. D. McLellan officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white ankle-length gown, the bodice of Chantilly lace over slipper satin, with long sleeves pointed at the wrists. The skirt was double net over satin with wedding band insets of Chantilly lace. Her double finger-tip veil of French tulle illusion fell from a close-fitting headdress of tulle and pearls. She carried a colonial bouquet centred with red roses and bordered in white carnations and gladioli.

Mrs. M. R. Wall of Toronto was the matron-of-honor in a coral ballerina-length gown of net over taffeta styled with fitted bodice and very full skirt. She wore matching flower headdress, shoes and mitts and carried an old-fashioned nosegay of pink roses and summer flowers.

Miss Sylvia Raycraft, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid, gowned in a mint green dress of

dress of yellow organdy styled with a very full double skirt and large bow at the back. She wore matching mitts, a wide brimmed bonnet and white shoes. She carried an old-fashioned nosegay of tiny summer flowers.

Mr. Don Walters of Napanee was groomsman while Mr. Kenneth Johnston, also of Napanee, and Mr. William Raycraft, jr., brother of the bride, of Morven, were ushers.

Mrs. B. M. Black played the wedding music while Miss Shirley Jeffs was the soloist.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors where the guests were received by the bride's mother dressed in copen blue crepe and lace with white accessories and a corsage of pink roses. She was assisted by Mrs. Marion Buttle, sister of the groom, wearing a white printed nylon dress with white accessories. Her corsage was of yellow camellias.

For travelling to Washington, D.C., and Bermuda, the bride chose a two-piece suit dress of blue silk shantung with a white hat and gloves, and deep red purse and shoes of snakeskin. Her corsage was of red camellias.

On their return the couple will reside in Napanee.

Among those attending the wed-

